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Viet LE et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2633
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MODULAR MULTIPLEXING)	
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A MULTI-CHANNEL PLAN)	Technology Center 2600

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$355.00 ☐ \$710.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		Minus		x \$18.00 =	
Ind. Claims		Minus		x \$ 80.00 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0

- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ _ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$ _ to Deposit Account no. 50-1070.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.



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In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~12. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said plurality of optical line amplifiers comprise first to fourth line amplifiers, said plurality of subgroups of optical signals comprise first to fourth subgroups of optical signals in corresponding first to fourth subwindows within the operating window, and further comprising:~~

a second multiplexing unit configured to multiplex the optical signals in the set of multiple channels into said first to fourth subgroups of optical signals in corresponding first to fourth subwindows within the operating window, each subwindow corresponding to a different group of channels within the operating window; and

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